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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Philip Richard ABRAHAM, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/493,211

Confirmation No.: Unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1653

Filed: January 28, 2000

Examiner: C. Kam

For: NOVEL SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES WITH ANTIMICROBIAL AND ENDOTOXIN
NEUTRALIZING PROPERTIES FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE SEPSIS SYNDROME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2001. The Examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response January 16, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A purified peptide comprising at least 12 amino acids, the peptide having an amino acid composition such that the peptide is amphipathic, cationic and forms a stable α -helix and is represented by the following formula (1) or the retro orientation of formula (1):